GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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SHORTAGE OF FERTILIZERS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the arrangements have been made to meet the demands of Urea, DAP and the other fertilizers for the rabi crops;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the arrangement of adequate fertilizers have been made at the State Level and Division Levels; and

(d) if so, the stock-wise details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a) & (b): The demand for Rabi 2007-08 has been assessed at 140.02 lakh metric tones (LMT) for Urea, 49.13 LMT for DAP and 19.61 LMT for MOP. The indigenous production of urea and DAP during the season has been estimated to be about 106.88 LMT and 26.13 LMT and the requirement of MOP is totally met from imports as there are no indigenous sources for its production. The gap between the assessed requirement and indigenous availability are being filled through imports.

(c) & (d): Sufficient availability of fertilizers to sustain sales has been ensured for Rabi 2007-08 at the State level. The State-wise, cumulative month-wise demand, availability and sale of fertilizers during Rabi 2007-08 upto 25.11.2007 is as given in Annexure.